

## Petition to Designate 207 Cambridge Street a Cambridge Landmark COMMISSION

East Cambridge is the second oldest neighborhood in the City, uniquely sharing the bridges and canals and Charles River with the city of Boston. Laid out in the earliest part of the 19th century, it has been the industrial center for the city and to be sure, its source of considerable revenue. Throughout the past 200 hundred years, it has remained as an important residential area in which children could thrive and elders could age in place. Integral to that history is the fact that East Cambridge has been a distinctive ethnic repository of newly arrived immigrant groups, starting with the Irish, the Polish, the Portuguese and Italians, each adding a wonderful richness to the neighborhood, reflected in the small shops on Cambridge Street with its low profile and low impact buildings. What sets it apart architecturally is that each building on its main street is unique, some with original detail as 207 Cambridge Street, but all compatible in size and style. 207 Cambridge Street has remarkable detail still obvious at a glance. Its roofline is unlike any other in the area. For many years it was a source of great attraction as an Italian Salumaria, with homemade sausages, barrels of olives of every shade, and cheeses hung from their twine. As with other businesses in the area, it added a richness to the neighboring residences, without threat of overwhelming the abutters with size, noise, light or traffic.

Based on its history and architectural significance, we the undersigned, as duly registered voters of Cambridge, hereby petition the Cambridge Historical Commission to undertake a landmark designation process, as authorized by Cambridge Municipal Ordinance, Title 2, Article III, Chapter 2.78.180 D. Historical research in support of this Petition will be provided to supplement this Petition.

PROPERTY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

207 Cambridge Street, owned by the Mark Lechmere, LLC.

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